



Giving and Hoping

Mary and Joseph

Mary and Joseph are at the heart of the story of the birth and life of Jesus Christ. They each represent aspects of ourselves and model the way we are called to live. Mary's own sacrifice is her whole self; Joseph's is one of trust, loyalty and faithfulness.

Welcome

- What are we willing to do for something we believe in?
- What of our own selves do we give to others?

Word:

Matthew 1: 18-20

When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.'

Luke 1:26-38

Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.'





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Word (Cntd)

- Reflect on Mary and Joseph's responses to God's messages.
- What does it mean to give all of ourselves to God?
- Mary and Joseph were both given important roles via the angels. What were they and how did they fulfil them?
- Where do we hear our own vocations?
- What were the special gifts that God gave to Mary and Joseph?



Worship

We give thanks to God for all that he gives to each of us.

Think about the different things that God gives us. As you do so, thank God for them.

What gifts has God given you

Witness

Which gifts can you use this week to serve God and bless others

Hymns:

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

Tell Out My Soul the Greatness of The Lord